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Pop-up bike lanes show way forward

INFRASTRUCTURE

Temporary cycle track a first for city, not the last

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

A recent "pop-up" protected bike lane in the Exchange District may have foreshadowed a new type of cycling infrastructure in the city.

A row of pylons and portable bollards were placed along part of the painted-line bike lane connecting Waterfront Drive and Sherbrook Street on Feb. 10, winter bike to work day, as a part of the city's public consultation efforts to permanently improve the route.

Stephanie Whitehouse, the city's active transportation co-ordinator, said it was meant to "get people's attention and show on a very short segment what protected (bike lanes) might feel like on McDermott and Bannatyne."

It was only for a few hours and didn't go far, representing just a small portion of an eventual final project.

But it was a first for Winnipeg, and according to Whitehouse, won't be the last.

She said the concept of an "adjustable protected bike lane" is exactly what the city is targeting to improve the current sharrow corridor permanently.

She explained that having adjustable infrastructure will allow the city to see how it's used.

Right now the city is only in the study phase for the West Alexander to East Exchange Corridor project, and feedback gathered both through last week's pop-up and a survey online until Feb. 21 will help inform the eventual design.

SEEKING ASYLUM IN WINNIPEG

Rita Chahal of the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council
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Refugees to test Canadian identity

INSIDE THE PERIMETER

Shannon VanRaes

Canada is heading towards a crisis and all it took was a few dozen people walking out of the U.S. and into the tiny town of Emerson, Man. each week.

It's not that Emerson is being inundated, although local service providers are being tapped and in many cases stretched thin. And it's not because volunteer organizations are running out of space to house new arrivals, although they are. And it's not because federal and provincial governments can't allocate additional resources to the deal with the recent influx of asylum seekers, because they can.

It's because the unexpected refugee claimants who walk across the Canada-U.S. border each week challenge us to live up to Canada's reputation, they force us to prove we are an open country that welcomes those fleeing uncertainty and persecution — not just when it is convenient for us, but as opportunities arise for them.

The crisis that Canada is heading towards is a crisis of national identity. As citizens and as a nation we are about to be tested.

We have women, men, children arriving unannounced on our doorstep. Not handpicked, repeatedly screened, sponsored and approved refugees that arrive to waiting support networks after landing at international airports, but migrants fleeing the United States in the final leg of a journey that often spans years and continents.

How will we respond? How will our friends, our neighbours, our colleagues respond?

Will we make their cause our own? Will the Canada that greets these asylum seekers be the same Canada that waived health requirements in 1959 to admit refugees suffering from tuberculosis? Will these late-night arrivals be met by the same Canada that changed its laws in 1968 to allow deserters from foreign armies to become landed immigrants? Will those who cross into Canada by way of snowy fields find themselves in the Canada that provided free transport to nearly 40,000 Hungarians fleeing government crackdowns, the Canada that was first to open the door to Tibetans?

Or will they encounter the ugly Canada that turned away the Komagata Maru and its passengers? The country that sent Jewish refugees back to Nazi Germany? The Canada that passed the Refugee Deterrents and Detention Bill in 1989 and attempted to strip refugees of health care in 2012?

According to Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada statistics, the number of refugee claims accepted dropped sharply after 1989, falling from an acceptance rate of 84 per cent that year to a low of 35 per cent in 2012. And according to the Canadian Council for Refugees, Canada took in less than one per cent of the world's refugees in 2014.

Countries like Pakistan, Lebanon, Iran, Malta, Sweden, Norway, Austria, Switzerland and Germany all take in far more refugees than Canada on a per capita basis. Turkey is home to 12 times as many refugees than our nation and Germany accepted more than a million migrants in 2015.

Canada may have a welcoming reputation, but the hard truth is that often it's a reputation we don't deserve.

Jean Pierre Venegas, Jennifer Partridge, Rita Chahal, Colin Dorian and Ermias Yoseph attend a press conference on the ongoing refugee situation in Manitoba, at the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council on Monday. TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Services 'maxed out'

REFUGEES

Welcome Place kicks off fundraising amid influx

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

As Welcome Place staff held a press conference Monday to discuss their "maxed out" services, one of their volunteer drivers was headed to the Port of Emerson to pick up five more asylum seekers who crossed the border overnight.

RCMP said Monday they intercepted 28 people illegally coming into Canada over the weekend. Since Jan. 1, police have intercepted 69 men, women and children.

Rita Chahal, executive director of Welcome Place, said she recently held a six-month-old baby and looked into the eyes of two- and four-year-olds kids who trekked across the border with their parents Saturday in hopes of getting to Winnipeg.

"When I saw the little kids, I always think about, 'What if something had happened?' We don't want to see a situation like we've seen a couple years ago that brought all of us to our knees," she said, referring to the image of Alan Kurdi, a Syrian toddler whose body washed up on the shores of a beach in Turkey in 2015.

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> Rita Chahal, referring to the Alan Kurdi tragedy

Welcome Place temporarily housed the 21 asylum seekers they picked up from the border in their own facility on Bannatyne Avenue. Chahal said this is technically not allowed by the federal government, who only pay them to help government and privately sponsored refugees. The refugee claimants will be moved to other locations in the community soon, including the Salvation Army.

But the decision to make an exception temporarily "wasn't a difficult choice for me," said Chahal.

"We have managed what might appear to be a crisis very quickly, very efficiently," she said. "We look at this from a very compassionate, from a humanitarian perspective. And when people come to our door and need our help, that's what we'll do. We'll help them."

Welcome Place is asking for financial donations from the public — not goods or food, which they don't have room to store.

The agency wants help from the city and province in finding temporary housing spaces for refugee claimants. Chahal said she spoke to Mayor Brian Bowman Monday about this, but had not yet heard from the province.

Money raised by the public will go toward finding more temporary housing spaces, hiring more Welcome Place staff, paying for drives to the border and more.

Jean Pierre Veregas, who works at Welcome Place, said the new arrivals have three days to make their refugee claims in Canada. They must gather documents and information that corroborates the last 10 years of their lives chronologically.

Law students from the University of Winnipeg have volunteered to help the surge of asylum seekers with their paperwork, said Welcome Place's Ermias Yoseph.

The Winnipeg Foundation stepped up with $33,000 in emergency funding for Welcome Place on Monday. Strategic projects associate Jennifer Partridge said $23,000 of the foundation's total came from an anonymous donor "who felt compelled and inspired to support the refugees."

Premier in talks with Trudeau about surge in asylum seekers

After a second weekend surge of asylum seekers crossed into Manitoba on foot, Premier Brian Pallister told media Monday his office is in talks with the Prime Minister's to determine safer solutions to border jumping.

"Without getting into the specifics of the discussion, there's a discussion that's underway," Pallister said in a press conference. "There has been a call to the prime minister on this issue. A number of options have been discussed. We've established an interdepartmental committee that is also investigating and researching ways to address this."

Pallister said his first concern is the security of Manitobans, particularly those who live in Emerson and have been conflicted over whether to open their doors to asylum seekers making the treacherous trek into Canada in the freezing cold.

"I'm also of course concerned for people seeking refuge here. Manitoba's always been that welcoming place for people seeking help and I want to make sure that continues and I believe Manitobans do, too," Pallister said.

Many lawyers, politicians and organizations, including Amnesty International, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and the Canadian Council of Refugees, have called for the Safe Third Country Agreement to be scrapped or revised.

The agreement has a loophole allowing asylum seekers to claim refugee status in the second safe country they've arrived in — Canada — if they aren't caught by border patrols before arriving.

NDP immigration critic Nahanni Fontaine has called on the provincial government to lobby Ottawa to suspend the Safe Third Country Agreement.

"The reality is that many refugees in the U.S. do not feel safe given some of the recent developments, in particular the executive bans that were signed and executed by President Trump," Fontaine said.

Last weekend, 21 asylum seekers from Djibouti and Somalia crossed the U.S.-Canadian border on foot near Emerson, Man.

Twenty-three refugee claimants walked across the same area the weekend prior.

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Amsterdam meets Winnipeg

TRANSPORTATION

Duo importing 'plain bikes' — and Dutch cycling culture

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

It might be tough to bring cycling-friendly culture, political views or infrastructure to Winnipeg from Amsterdam, but importing a bunch of simple Dutch bikes is, apparently, doable.

Winnipeggers Anders Swanson and Leigh Anne Parry, team "Plain Bicycle," are setting off for the Netherlands' capital Tuesday to do just that.

After all, bikes outnumber people there, Parry said.

"They're great bikes in excess amounts," she explained.

They say the plain bicycles — which are ergonomic cruisers with an upright riding position, easy gearing, and handy features like frame-mounted rack and lights — are "designed for city commuting."

That's why cycling is the predominant commuting method in cities where the plain bikes are most common. In Winnipeg and most of Canada, touring bikes, mountain bikes, and racing bikes are more common, and local bike-commuting demographics reflect that.

> **They're great bikes in excess amounts.**
> Leigh Anne Parry

"When we travel to cycling nations, where cycling is a main source of transportation, everybody is cycling, not just men racing traffic on the road beside cars," Parry said. "We see women, children, grandmas carrying groceries ... everybody rides."

She hopes bringing the bikes here will offer a taste of that convenience, and "produce a bit of a culture bomb in a sense."

After having successfully presold nearly 100 of the bikes, she and Swanson will leave for Amsterdam Tuesday.

From there, they'll work with contacts on the ground to source secondhand bikes.

"We've got a bit of a garage there ... we'll start by going to secondhand stores and bringing them back one at a time," she said, adding they'll fix them up as needed to make sure they're in top condition.

With the fleet of bikes gathered, they'll pack them in a shipping container and ship them to Canada from Rotterdam. Once the container lands in the Great White North, the Plain Bicycle duo will announce the time and place where people can collect their pre-ordered bikes.

Parry noted that although 100 bikes make the math work to cover costs, they're still taking orders and can pack even more into the shipping container if there's interest.

"We encourage people to sign up until the day we ship them," she said.

Each bike costs $250 plus tax, and orders can be placed at plainbicycle.org.

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Sniff out your next partner

DATING

Link between attraction and odour says psychologist

Michelle Bailey
For Metro | Winnipeg

If you think you're looking for love on all the wrong online dating sites, try sniffing out Mr. Right instead.

According to one Winnipeg relationship expert, your chances of meeting "the one" increase when you can see the person, take note of their mannerisms and, if you can, snag a whiff of how they smell.

"There's a lot of scientific research that suggests a link between human attraction and body odour," said psychologist Dr. Syrus Derksen. "And you can't get a sense of that online or over the phone."

For those who want to vacate singledom, the process of trying to find a significant other can stink.

Vern Yaskiw and Diane Gurney met through Winnipeg's Adventures for Successful Singles.
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With a shopping list of options, one would think it shouldn't be all that difficult. Online sites, phone chat rooms, speed dating events, hookups through friends. You name it. Even Festival du Voyageur has adopted a singles night as part of its annual event to help.

Now, there are even dating sites that will match couples based on their natural odours.

Dr. Derksen said there's nothing wrong with turning to dating sites or even social media, but suggests people have a better chance of meeting someone for a long- term relationship if they do it in a setting where it's easier to evaluate others face-to-face.

Vern Yaskiw wholeheartedly agrees.

The 49-year-old and his 51-year-old partner, Diane Gurney, recently moved in together after coming across one another through Winnipeg's Adventures for Successful Singles, which holds numerous activities throughout the year where people can mix and mingle.

"An algorithm isn't going to help you to feel a real spark," said Yaskiw of dating methods that are not in-person.

"I think being around people and doing something fun and interesting allows you to meet, talk and actually get to know someone."

For those tired of trying to diagnose who a person really is through electronic means, Adventures is finding a lot of people, in particular singles in their 20's and 30's, are starting to give the live experience of meeting someone a shot.

"There is no pressure when you take part in our outings and events," said founder Ray Antymis.

"If anything, you make a lot of new friends," he said. "Or, you might invite me to your wedding because you and your partner met through our club."

CRIME

Fake gun prompts fans to flee arena

Three men face charges after dozens of people at a hockey tournament in Winnipeg fled when someone spotted what was believed to be a gun.

Police say it turned out to be a replica firearm and no one was injured. A video posted on social media showed people — some of them running and screaming— pouring out of the Jonathan Toews Sportsplex on Sunday.

Police say three men came to the community centre and started fighting with three other men.

Staff and security personnel had to intervene and that's when the gun was spotted.

They detained the suspects until police arrived. All three have been charged with three counts of assault. Ryan Matthew Boulanger, 28, of Bloodvein, Man., and Jeremy Peltier, 29, of Winnipeg face additional charges which include possession of a weapon.

Nathan Scott, 23, of Winnipeg, is accused of failing to comply with a probation order.

The men remain in custody.

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MARITIMES FEW BRAVE THE BLIZZARD A pedestrian walks down Brunswick Street near Citadel Hill in Halifax as a major winter storm blasts the Maritimes on Monday. Scenes of deserted, snow-choked streets were a common sight as most residents heeded the weather warnings and stayed home. Schools were shuttered and air travel ground to a halt. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Immigration board turning to triage

Short hearings expected to ease 19,000 claim backlog

The Immigration and Refugee Board will begin to triage and refer old and new claims for shorter hearings in March in an attempt to reduce its ballooning backlog, or at least to stop it from snowballing.

Through flexible scheduling and shorter hearing streaming, the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) hopes to increase the productivity of its 119 decision-makers by 15 to 20 per cent, said Paula Thompson, the board's chief of staff.

The redeployment, announced earlier in February, came on the heels of U.S. President Donald Trump's anti-refugee policies and Canada's lifting of the visa requirements for Mexican travellers in December. However, Thompson said the board's move was not prompted by these events.

"There's no direct relationship with what's going on in the (United) States," Thompson said. "So far we have seen a very negligible increase from Mexico. It's not a huge player right now. The last couple of months, we received 75 Mexican claims each month."

2.4K
Number of new claims received per month

Data showed the IRB received an average of 1,700 new claims a month from January to August last year, but the number has skyrocketed to 2,400 cases since. Currently, there are 19,000 claims in the backlog.

Although asylum claims must be heard within 60 days under the reforms made by the previous Conservative government in 2012, Thompson said exceptions granted in the law, as well as cases returned to the board by the refugee appeal tribunal and the federal court, has contributed to the backlog.

On top of that, delays in security clearances by Canada Border Services Agency have caused hearings to be postponed and rescheduled.

At least, one in 10 cases are being delayed for this reason alone, Thompson noted.

Under the new triage approach, claims will be screened for short hearings if the cases are straightforward and have no issues with the identity and credibility of the claimants. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HOUSING

Committee formed for poverty strategy

The federal government is turning to public consultations to help craft a poverty reduction strategy.

Social Development Minister Jean-Yves Duclos also plans to use the expertise of an advisory committee on poverty to produce a national proposal that the Liberals expect to deliver by this fall.

The advisory committee will be made up of experts from academia, business and social services, as well as people who have lived with poverty. It will act as sounding board to test ideas that emerge from the public consultations on ways to help those living in need.

Duclos said the work of the committee, as well as similar consultations being undertaken by a panel of MPs, is needed to finally build a federal vision on poverty reduction.

"As a former academic who has worked quite a lot on poverty reduction, I have seen the difficulties created by a lack of vision on poverty reduction from the federal government," Duclos said.

"The federal government needs to design how first it views poverty — how it measures it, how it's going to monitor the progress in reducing it and how it's going to collaborate with other governments in order to better support our families living in need and to encourage them to enter the middle class. All of that has been missing."

The announcement Monday came as the Liberals finalized a national housing strategy designed to help make housing more affordable and reduce homelessness. That plan will be out after the forthcoming federal budget, which will also outline more details on infrastructure spending, some of which Duclos oversees.

The housing strategy is seen as the backbone to the anti-poverty plan and is designed to make housing more affordable.

It's estimated that some three million Canadians live in poverty and 235,000 experience homelessness annually.

The social infrastructure fund has allocated $2.3 billion over two years to help build and refurbish affordable housing units, child care spaces and seniors residences, among other eligible projects. While the money targeted to large cities like Toronto has been allocated to projects, the same cannot be said of funding elsewhere. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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5 REVEALING MOMENTS FROM THE TRUMP-TRUDEAU MEETING

1. A mutual peace pact
Trudeau's steadfast refusal to criticize Trump made news even in America. But just as notable was Trump's refusal to criticize Trudeau.

The president was impassive even when prodded on live TV. Asked a question about the Canadian border and Trudeau's acceptance of Syrian refugees, Trump chose to tout his efforts to deport illegal immigrants — most of whom are Hispanics who live far from the 49th parallel.

2. A fair shake
Vladimir Putin has the shirtless horseback ride. Donald Trump has the intense handshake. At 70, the ferocious alpha-grip is how a president obsessed with dominance shows off his physical prowess. Trudeau, former drama teacher, came prepared for the performance, suitably impressing people who care about handshakes.

3. Flynn forgotten
One key story out of the joint news conference was what wasn't asked: a question to Trump about National Security Advisor Michael Flynn over reports he discussed sanctions against Russia with Russia's ambassador before Trump took office, then lied about it.

"HOW IS THERE NO FLYNN QUESTION!?!?!?!?!" MSNBC host Christopher Hayes wrote on Twitter. The answer: the White House made sure there was no Flynn question.

The Canadian and American media contingents each got to ask two questions. The Canadians drew names from someone's palm to decide which reporters got to do the asking. The American interlocutors were selected by Trump officials.

4. Almost normal
"We're guided by the same values," President Barack Obama said when welcoming Trudeau to the White House last year. "We share the same values," Trump said beside Trudeau on Monday.

"Americans and Canadians — our brave men and women in uniform — have paid the price together," said Obama. "American and Canadian troops have gone to battle together, fought wars together," said Trump.

The tone was not especially warm. There was an unprompted Trumpian ramble-boast about the size of his victory in the Electoral College. But the day was notable, in large part, for its boring conventionality.

5. Ivanka in charge
The Canadians had a stroke of strategic inspiration: get in Trump's good books by doing a kind of favour for his daughter.

The executives who were part of a White House discussion on the advancement of female business leaders came away with praise for the joint initiative. Ivanka impressed the participating businesswomen with her thoughts on the cause. And then, after they left, she advertised herself — tweeting a photo of her sitting at the president's desk, a progressive prime minister behind her.

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U.S. President Donald Trump extends his hand to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Monday in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES

BODY LANGUAGE

How it shook out

It's clear Canadians were watching Justin Trudeau and Donald Trump's first official meeting intently Monday morning, but who had the upper hand?

Trump, fast becoming the poster boy for awkward handshakes after an agonizing 19-second handshake with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, is said to be self-conscious about how his hands are perceived.

Trudeau stepped out of his motorcade at the White House and immediately shook Trump's hand. This was to his benefit, according to Mark Bowden, an expert in human behaviour and body language who created the company Truthplane, a communication training company.

Trudeau and Trump were in close quarters, meaning the president couldn't pull the prime minister in, Bowden said.

"I think Trudeau for sure held his own," Bowden said.

But Trump wasn't done. He placed his hand on top of Trudeau's shoulder, another show of dominance. Trudeau responded in turn, placing his hand on Trump's arm.

Later, while seated, they shook hands again. "What's interesting is Trump actually offers Trudeau the upper hand," Bowden said.

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GLOBAL DIGEST

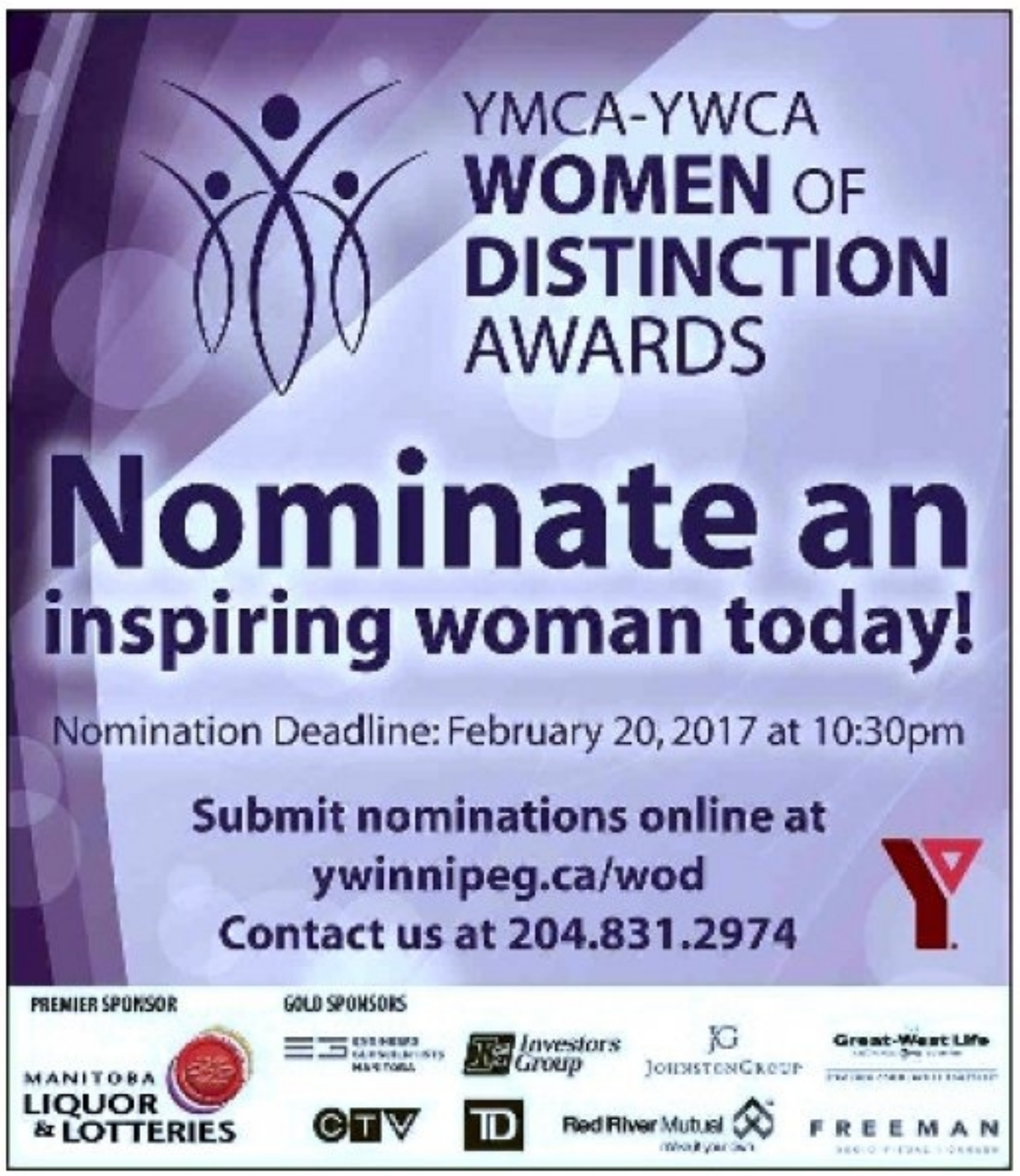
PAKISTAN

Valentine's Day banned in Islamabad
A Pakistani judge on Monday banned all Valentine's Day celebrations in the country's capital, Islamabad, saying they are against Islamic teachings.

The judge ruled on a petition seeking to ban public celebrations of the Western holiday, court official Niaz Saleh said. He said the order had been sent to Pakistan's media regulator to ensure a blackout on any Valentine's Day promotions in print or electronic media. AP

CALIFORNIA

Evacuees may not go home until spillway repaired
Nearly 200,000 people who were ordered to leave their homes out of fear that a spillway could collapse may not be able to return until the barrier at the nation's tallest dam is repaired, a sheriff said Monday. Officials from the state Department of Water Resources were considering using helicopters to drop loads of rock on the eroded spillway at Lake Oroville. AP



Risks lurk as RRSP season approaches

MARKETS

Investors wary angry Trump tweet may hit their holdings

As investors head into RRSP season this year, stocks in Canada and the United States sit at or near record levels, but tensions are rising and that could mean volatile times for the markets.

Before the U.S. presidential election, many had predicted that a Trump win would send stock markets crashing. But the reverse happened. Markets cheered the election of the real estate mogul and charged ahead in the weeks following the vote. But the reality of the Trump administration has started to sink in and investors are becoming wary about what an angry tweet can do to their holdings.

Jurrien Timmer, director of global macro at Fidelity Investments, said Americans elected a "disrupter" and with that, the "game has changed."

"Since the 2009 bottom, post-the financial crisis, price has outperformed earnings in a very big way," he said.

"The question is, 'What are people going to be willing to pay for those earnings if we are faced with political and policy uncertainty?"'

Timmer said he expects the U.S. markets will do well because earnings are expected to grow, but the risk from uncharted political waters may mean that stock prices might not keep up with a rise in corporate profits.

Instead, Timmer is looking to European and emerging markets.

"I am increasingly of the opinion that the opportunities in 2017 are going to be outside of the U.S.," he said.

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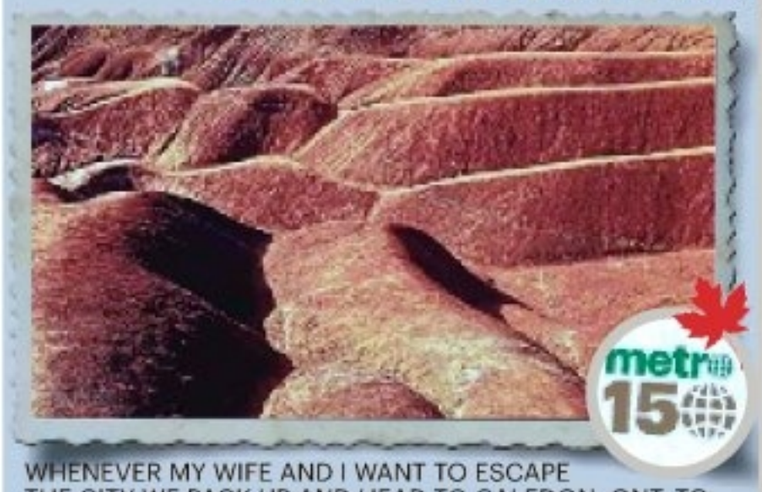

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RESTAURANTS

Tim Hortons eyes U.S. expansion

The parent company of Tim Hortons and Burger King sees fertile ground for rapid expansion for both chains in the United States.

The United States is "one of the biggest opportunities" for expanding the coffee and burger chains, said Daniel Schwartz, CEO of Restaurant Brands International Inc.

Tim Hortons had 683 U.S. locations as of Dec. 31, 2016. Burger King's U.S. operations had more than 7,000 restaurants as of Dec. 31, 2015.

RBI is also intent on rapidly expanding Tim Hortons around the world, signing three separate master franchise joint venture agreements to bring the chain to the Philippines, Britain and Mexico. The company expects to open the first locations this year, said chief financial officer Josh Kobza.

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PAUL WELLS ON TRUMP'S INSIDE CIRCLE

Trudeau could not have been signalling more clearly if he had brought navy crewmen with semaphore flags.

By presenting Donald Trump with a print of this 1981 photo, Justin Trudeau signalled he has the secret handshake to enter the president's 'weird bunker, writes Paul Wells. LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

The photo wasn't a small thing. It was a token of insider status. It was Justin Trudeau's wristband.

On arriving at the White House on Monday for his first face-to-face meeting with Donald Trump, Justin Trudeau brought a gift, a framed print of a photo showing Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Donald Trump at a function in the Waldorf Astoria in 1981. The elder Trudeau was receiving the Family of Man Gold Medallion Award. Trump, then about 34 years old, was offering remarks at the podium. Both men were in tuxes.

Justin Trudeau's first telephone conversation with Trump was last Nov. 9, the day after he amazed the world by winning the electoral college and the presidency. Trump mentioned that he had met Trudeau's father back in the day and admired him. This was news to Justin Trudeau. But apparently detectives were put on the search, and photographic evidence was unearthed at Library and Archives Canada. Print, frame, Bob's your uncle.

Now here's why it matters: Donald Trump has spent his life dividing the world into people who deserve to get in and people who don't.

That's how he became the target, at 27, of a justice department lawsuit in 1973 that claimed he and his father refused to rent to black tenants. (The Trumps countersued; the eventual settlement included no admission of guilt.)

It's what Trump seeks to do along the Mexican border. It's why he keeps smacking his head against the courts and the U.S. Constitution as he seeks to close America's borders to visa-holders from seven predominately Muslim countries.

It's what he does with membership fees at Mar-a-Lago and other exclusive Trump clubs. It's what he has taken great pleasure in doing as he selects members of his cabinet.

If Trump decides you're not allowed in, you get nowhere with him. He mocks you on Twitter, makes policy just to spite you, summons the sputtering apparatus of the White House staff and the rickety machinery of government to shut you down, if any of them can manage the task.

But if he accepts you, you actually have some latitude with him. The most astonishing example so far is the way he let Gen. James Mattis do, once Mattis became his nominee as defence secretary, what nobody else had succeeded in doing: persuade Trump that torture is useless as an instrument of government policy.

Trump's attitude is summarized in the lyrics, at first comic and then haunting, of Paul Simon's recent single, "Wristband": "Wristband, my man, you've got to have a wristband/ If you don't have a wristband, my man, you don't get through the door."

Justin Trudeau decided early that he was better inside the door than out. Two pieces of political theatre yesterday were designed to get him in.

First, the photo. It shows that when Trump spins a random old yarn over the phone, Trudeau listens and acts. And it reminds Trump that two successive generations of Trudeaus have been the kind of people who could walk through the kind of door only Donald Trump can open. That's what a wristband does.

Second, the round table on women entrepreneurs with Ivanka Trump.

The president has been in open conflict with the Nordstrom department-store chain for a week because Nordstrom dropped Ivanka Trump's line of clothing and accessories. He has sent White House staffers out to plead her case, and castigate Nordstrom, on the news shows. In Canada, some are calling for a boycott of The Bay because the chain won't drop Ivanka Trump's merchandise.

And what does Trudeau do in the middle of all this? His office organizes an event with Ivanka Trump, sits with cabinet ministers and senior staff at a long table to hear her ideas, makes her the focus at midday of an international summit.

Trudeau could not have been signalling more clearly if he had brought navy crewmen with semaphore flags. Family is family. Trump's is welcomed and accepted, in the middle of a storm, just as Trudeau's father was accepted at some society shindig Trump attended a generation ago.

From this basis, miracles need not ensue and trouble is not banished. At their joint news conference, Trump seemed plainly bored by the bilateral issues the two had discussed, eager to change the subject to Mexicans or terrorism or Mike Flynn, his embattled national security adviser — who has his wristband, was welcomed inside the perimeter long ago, and whom Trump was therefore in a mood to defend.

Trudeau's gamble is that by getting in close to Trump — closer than many Canadians on the centre and left want him to get — he'll have voice and standing inside that weird bunker, for as long as Trump influences our two countries' shared life.

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All eyes were on Trudeau at a sit-down for women leaders in business hosted at the White House. AP PHOTO/EVAN VUCCI

Feminist photo-op fail

When the world leader with the most enviable hair met the one with the least enviable comb-over, no bromance was to be expected.

Justin Trudeau campaigned (though hasn't exactly governed) on policies so progressive he was often photoshopped alongside a unicorn. Trump campaigned on rhetoric so divisive he became synonymous with Pepe the alt-right frog.

When the pair met Monday, Trudeau, in cliché Canadian form, was perfectly polite, avoiding criticism of the chaos-inducing travel ban and focusing on "middle class families."

It would have been a perfectly respectable, if slightly icky, meeting for Trudeau.

But on women, he blew it.

Working with the U.S. on economic issues makes sense. Offering the leading misogynist of the free world a cozy photo-op to make he and his administration appear pro-women? It's ill-informed, shows poor judgement and is exceedingly creepy.

By offering an olive branch in the form of a bilateral task force on women in business, Trudeau is lending what feminist cred he has left to a man whose pussy-grabbing spawned an international hat trend and sparked the Women's March, arguably one of the largest protests in U.S. history.

And Trudeau's efforts are also wholly useless.

The idea that a Republican-controlled Congress will make meaningful efforts to improve child care or fund maternity leave is laughable, to say nothing of addressing the systemic sexism.

This is the party of the North Dakota lawmaker who suggested Sunday mornings are when wives serve husbands breakfast in bed. The same party pushing in Oklahoma to make a man's consent mandatory for all abortions.

For decades, Republicans have fought women-friendly workplace reforms, hiding sexist ideologies under a pro-business guise.

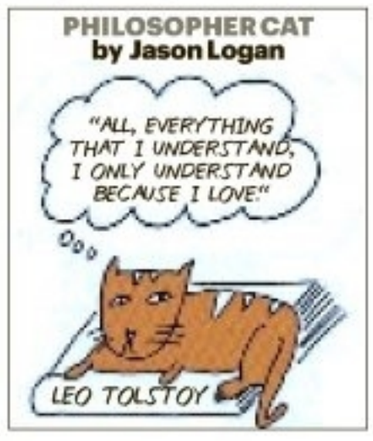
Even Trump's proposed tax-break plan for child care has been debunked as a move that would enrich comfortable families and do little to help poor ones.

"We just had a very productive meeting with women business leaders ... where we discussed how to secure everything that we know — the full power of women, can do better than anybody else," Trump said — unintelligibly — in a press conference Monday.

But the message was clear: "I care about women!" he was saying, as Trudeau smiled on like a nutritionist who jumped into bed with the soft drink lobby.

And just as doomed.

Rosemary Westwood relocated from Canada to the U.S. She chronicles her observations in a weekly column for Metro.



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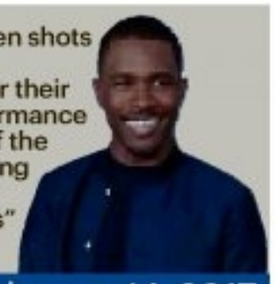


Frank Ocean has taken shots at producers of the Grammy Awards over their criticism of his performance at the 2013 edition of the show as "faulty," saying that he experienced "technical difficulties" during the song.

Venue booked, dress ordered – proposal ETA?

NEW AGE NUPTIALS

Millennials part with traditions in the move towards event weddings

Megan Haynes
For Metro Canada

Katherine North, 30, can't wait for her wedding day. Her dress has been ordered. Her bridesmaids planned a bachelorette. The save-the-dates went out. She and her partner booked a venue in October, 2016. All that was missing was the proposal.

After attending a season full of weddings at hotels and golf courses, their decision to marry at an Ottawa restaurant came down to a desire to do something a bit different, she said. But more importantly, they wanted to be pragmatic: with average wedding costing couples $31,000, she and her fiancé knew they didn't want to spend a lot of money on their nuptials.

The restaurant — Salt — was within their price range for the meal, and meant they saved money on decor, the ceremony fee and even music. It had an opening for the upcoming June long weekend, but the space was booking up fast.

"We said, why not — we didn't want to miss an opportunity," she says.

The fact that he hadn't yet proposed wasn't of concern — they both knew he would. Just before her birthday in January, he dropped to one knee and asked her to marry him. Of course, she said yes.

She's part of a growing trend of millennials writing their own rule books when it comes to weddings. While 66 per cent of couples are opting for more traditional affairs, one in three prefer less formal and more unique ceremonies, one 2015 survey from bridal magazine Wedding Bells found.

Gone is the cookie-cutter recipe for a wedding: From destination weddings that eschew the tropics (a ceremony in Iceland, anyone?) to the bride dropping to one knee (it's 2017!) to cakeless meals, young adults want a ceremony that is uniquely them.

Many are looking to create exceptional experiences for their guests, says Markham, Ont.-based Tracey Manailescu, co-founder of The Wedding Planner's Institute of Canada and a wedding planner.

For many of her clients, the entire wedding is meant to be an event guests will always remember — something that stands out from the crowd of other ceremonies they might have had to attend in the past. For some, that means opting out of certain expensive traditions to put money elsewhere.

> **I'll probably pick up some flowers from Loblaws or something.**
> Katherine North, bride to be

She points to a couple of her clients choosing inexpensive dress from stores like Le Chateaux or Forever 21, and instead putting that money into a more robust bar or live entertainment (acrobats are a hot act in the wedding space right now, she says). "They're finding other ways to save money to create that experience," she says.

While not cheaper than weddings in tropical locations, she's also helped plan ceremonies for people in more unique locales, like Iceland or Italy. The parties tend to be smaller to help contain costs, but in the end, it's a different type of experience for the guest, she says.

Halifax-based Katelyn Hipson, CEO and creative director of elegant productions planning and design, concurs. Her guests are skipping certain traditions entirely, like the wedding cake or the extended family shindigs. "My clients are less inclined to spend money in areas that don't matter to them just for the sake of tradition."

For North, who is trying to keep her budget under $10,000, she and her fiancé figure they can spend their money on things, like a new car or an exotic trip.

"I'll probably pick up some flowers from Loblaws or something — we'll keep things simple," she says. "It's my wedding. I don't want to have to stress about it."

Katherine North and her fiancé Waheed Obaidi took a pragmatic approach to their wedding plans. Hoping to spend less than $10,000 and save money for an exotic trip or a new car instead, they had everything booked before Obaidi even proposed. CONTRIBUTED

SEXUAL HEALTH

Study explores HIV trends in major Canadian cities

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

A new study of more than 2,400 men across Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto hopes to shed some light on why HIV rates are so high among gay and bisexual men in those cities compared to the rest of Canada.

Over the next four years researchers will do HIV and sexually transmitted infection testing, as well as distribute qualitative questionnaires in what they're calling "Engage."

They want get at attitudes towards the disease and access to healthcare in the face of massive changes in the treatment and prevention of HIV over the past three decades, said Trevor Hart, one of the lead researchers and a clinical psychologist.

"This is going to be one of the largest studies of its kind, examining how a lot of the changes that have taken place around HIV are affecting both sexual behaviour and mental and physical health and wellbeing," he said.

To find those who've been underrepresented in other studies, like trans men and people of colour, researchers will get men to recruit others in their social networks, from Grindr — a dating app — to volleyball leagues.

Most of the members of the research team are gay and bisexual men themselves, Hart noted, and the goal is to both inform future heath policy and include the community in future discussions, instead of treating them like "guinea pigs."

While some may move to big cities like Toronto and Vancouver to get better HIV care, Hart said it is "concerning" that rates are still so high among gay and bisexual men in urban centres.

Cameron Dunkin, manger of research at the Canadian Foundation For AIDS Research (CANFAR), one of the funders of the study, said there is sometimes a "sense of lackadaisicalness" about the virus.

"You do have some apathy sometimes where people just aren't as afraid of HIV because there's medication and the assumption that they'll be fine and it doesn't really matter if they contract it," he said.

23%

Estimate of the proportion of gay, bi, and other men who have sex with men living with HIV in Toronto.

Try to spare a little love for La La Land

ACADEMY AWARDS

Oscar favourite picking up heat before awards

Peter Howell
Torstar News Service

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, maybe we could spare a little love for La La Land. People keep beating up on it.

I know what you're thinking: "Is this guy nuts? Hasn't this movie been showered with love?"

True enough, numerically speaking: La La Land is nominated for a record-matching 14 Oscars for the Feb. 26 Academy Awards, among them Best Picture, Best Director (Damien Chazelle), Best Actress (Emma Stone) and Best Actor (Ryan Gosling).

This musical valentine to Hollywood has two Oscar noms for Best Original Song: City of Stars and Audition (The Fools Who Dream). It's so acclaimed, it's competing against itself.

The film has been taking home the gold at pre-Oscar events, among them the Golden Globes, the Critics' Choice Awards and, just this past weekend, the BAFTAs. The film is also scoring at the box office, with worldwide ticket sales expected to reach or even surpass $300 million (U.S.) by Oscar night.

Anecdotally, however, it's a different story. I can't remember a year where the Oscar front-runner has attracted so much negativity in advance of awards night.

Many people, including friends, family, co-workers and readers, have told me they think my four-star review of La La Land was too generous. They either don't like the film or they're just "meh" on it.

A lot of people really don't seem to like this movie, and it's apparently an act of bravery to admit it — a recent Saturday Night Live sketch riffed on abusing a La La Land naysayer.

(For the record, I love La La Land. But I'm hoping Moonlight, which I love more, wins Best Picture — and also Best Director for Barry Jenkins.)

I hear two main complaints about La La Land:

1. Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling can't dance;
2. Ryan Gosling can't sing. (Emma's pipes seem to get a pass.)

These complaints are usually voiced along with the observation that Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were all better dancers and/or singers than Stone and Gosling.

And the film is constantly being slammed in other media, often by people who aren't movie critics, such as the acerbic Bill Maher, host of HBO's political chat show, Real Time.

"La La Land, really?" he said this past weekend. "It's just so narcissistic. Another movie about movies. About us."

A writer in The Wall Street Journal, Jeanne Safer, found the love story wanting, stating that "its denouement depends on an utterly improbable plot twist."

I humbly submit that a lot of people are missing the point about La La Land.

It's not meant to be a slavish copy of Singin' in the Rain, An American in Paris, The Umbrellas of Cherbourg or all those other classic movie musicals that inspired writer/director Chazelle and composer Justin Hurwitz.

Yes, Stone and Gosling are great actors and only passable dancers and singers. But they're charming in the context of La La Land, which is more about the cost of ambition than it is about the pursuit of love.

Their characters, Mia and Sebastian, are bursting with the desire to create something and make their mark. That something may or may not be a lasting romance and that mark may or may not follow Cupid's arrow.

They sing and dance because the spirit moves them to, not because they're trying to prove anything. They're not supposed to be song-and-dance professionals: Mia's a dramatic actress and Sebastian's a jazz pianist.

Far from being "utterly improbable," I'd argue that the story of La La Land is highly probable, if you know Hollywood.

Maybe that's all the more reason why we should show the film some Valentine love, even if it is set to sweep the Oscars later this month.

You never know if a Hollywood story will have a Hollywood ending.

Emma Stone picked up a BAFTA Sunday for her role in La La Land but the movie is in the firing line. CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

Time for self-love on V-Day

ADVICE

Five simple tips for indulging yourself on this —or any— day

Ali Vanderkruyk
For Metro Canada

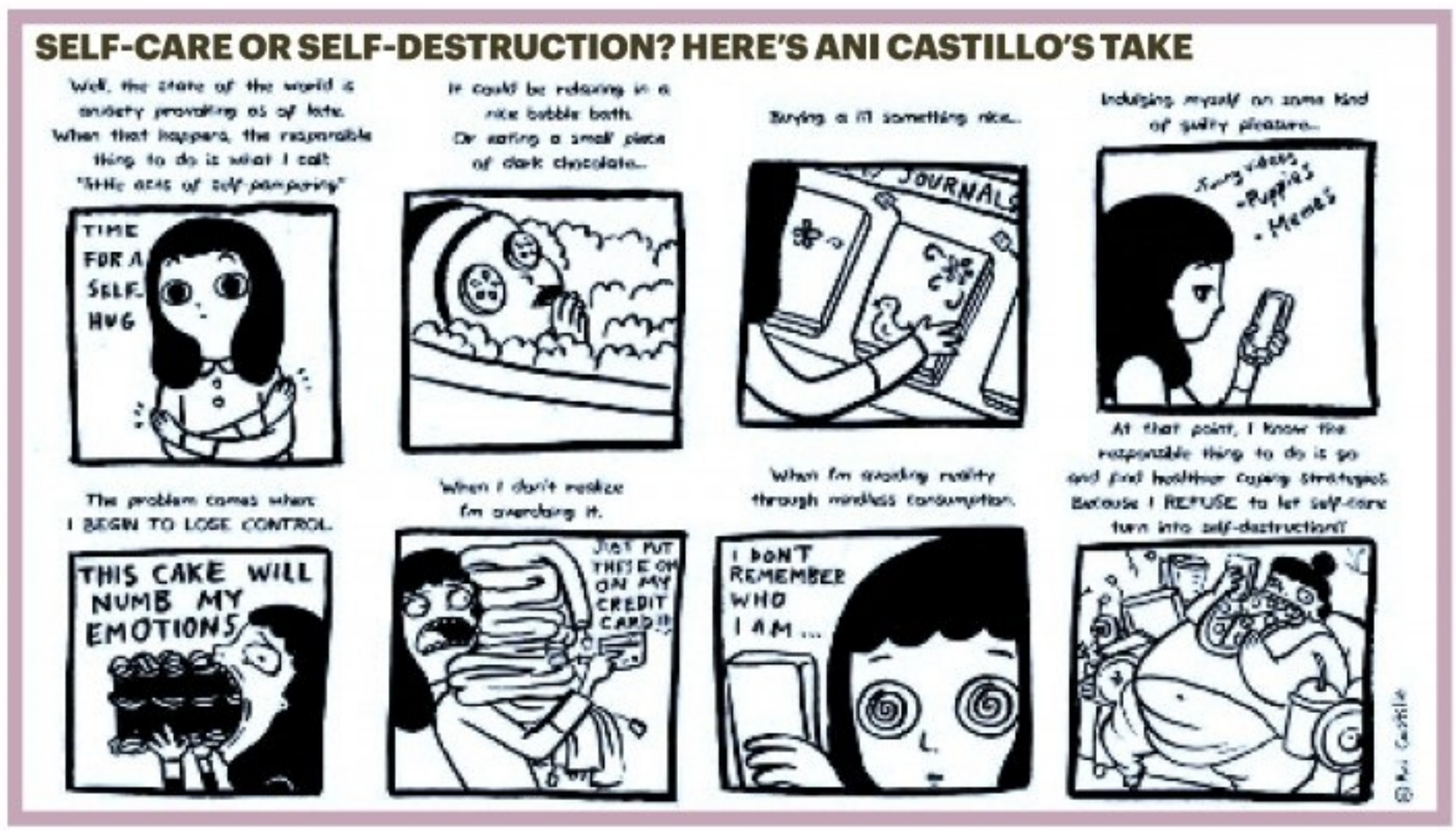
Whether you're in a relationship or not, take a break and practise self-care this Valentine's Day.

Girl Crush, an intersectional feminist speaker series, hosts an event Wednesday at Tranzac Club called The Ethics of Self-Care, which aims to counteract the material pressures of the international day for loved-up couples.

In the words of the co-organizers, Kate Barss and Temma Pinkofsky: "Self-care is recognizing the critical importance of giving permission within our daily lives to look after ourselves."

"As female-identifying individuals, the burden of care often falls on us to look after the physical and emotional needs of others. The idea of self-care asks us to work towards and make space for recognizing our own needs," they continue.

Here are five suggestions on how to practise self-care this Valentine's Day, and for that matter, every other day:


SELF-CARE OR SELF-DESTRUCTION? HERE'S ANI CASTILLO'S TAKE
Well, the state of the world is anxiety provoking as of late. When that happens, the responsible thing to do is what I call "little acts of self pampering"
TIME FOR A SELF HUG
The problem comes when I BEGIN TO LOSE CONTROL.
THIS CAKE WILL NUMB MY EMOTIONS
It could be relaxing in a nice bubble bath. Or eating a small piece of dark chocolate...
When I don't realize I'm overdoing it.
JUST PUT THIS ON MY CREDIT CARD!!
Buying a fit something nice...
JOURNALS
When I'm avoiding reality through mindless consumption.
I DON'T REMEMBER WHO I AM...
Indulging myself on some kind of guilty pleasure...
Scary videos
Puppies
Memes
At that point, I know the responsible thing to do is go and find healthier coping strategies. Because I REFUSE to let self-care turn into self-destruction!!

1. Expect a little less

Dial down your expectations for yourself for one day. Give yourself space to feel grief, anger, frustration, and helplessness.

Then, take time to realize that this is not all of your reality. Remind yourself what brings you joy; tell a friend you love them. Go for a long walk and rediscover your neighborhood.

2. Make you the focus

Cancel a plan you do not want to go to and plan an activity for yourself: take a bath, put on clothes (or take off clothes) that make you feel sexy and take a photo (just for you), masturbate, go to a movie, read a book, dance.

3. The big switch off

Take a conscious break from social media. Close your laptop; turn off your phone. Being informed does not mean you have to be plugged into a feed 24/7.

4. Rest...rest well

Simple pleasures are the best — Go to sleep early.

5. Calming connections

Allow others the space to self-care. Connect with people who share your concern about what is happening in our country and our world. Talk to people who may be going through a difficult time, especially members of vulnerable or marginalized communities. Let them know you support them. Smile at strangers.

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Playing the waiting game

BLUE BOMBERS

GM says he'll be patient in seeking value in free agency

Darrin Bauming
For Metro | Winnipeg

The Blue Bombers came out guns a'blazing one year ago, with Winnipeg general manager Kyle Walters putting in heavy work when the window to CFL free agency opened.

While there is definitely work to be done again this season, expect the Bombers to take a noticeably different approach when CFL free agents open shop on securing their services beginning at 11 a.m. CST this morning.

Walters was decidedly aggressive last February, inking multiple high-profile players in the early hours of free agency. When the dust had finally settled, the Blue Bombers had a half-dozen new starters in their lineup.

This year, much of the work has been done in the preliminary stages of free agency. Walters has locked down his quarterback, handing Matt Nichols a three-year deal and the richest contract in team history. Walters then re-upped versatile deep threat Darvin Adams, added another big receiving target in Kenny Stafford, and landed maybe his biggest free agent fish in rush end Tristan Okpalaugo, fresh off a year in the NFL following two outstanding seasons with the Toronto Argonauts.

So when the majority of pending CFL free agents hit the market, Walters will be just as calculated as he was last winter, despite the overall approach to roster construction looking quite different.

Wading into the free agency pool can quickly turn into rising and trepidatious waters with the salary cap keeping CFL teams in check come later in the season when injuries pile up. Just like any business with a strict bottom line, general managers around the league will crunch their cost-benefit analysis, calculate risk vs. reward, and decide if reaching for some pricey talent is worth the possibility of it coming back to bite them and their chances at a Grey Cup.

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Winnipeg has three top-15 picks in the upcoming Canadian draft, including the first selection.

Walters has been perfectly clear that he will be patient this year and wait for value to come in the days following Valentine's Day.

So where does he need to add veteran pieces?

With the defensive backfield as stocked as it has been since Winnipeg's 2011 Grey Cup appearance, the interior defensive line is the most glaring area on a club that allowed the most yards in the CFL last season. The departure of starting tackles Euclid Cummings and Keith Shologan leave veteran Canadian Jake Thomas and Padric Scott, but more help is needed. Walters will also likely bolster the interior with one of his three top-15 picks in the upcoming Canadian draft, including his pick of the litter choice at first overall.

Running back Kienan LaFrance, a Manitoba Bisons alum, fits the bill for one of the Blue Bombers' needs. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winnipeg boasts a bevy of young Canadian linebackers, but with Ian Wild the only returning starter, expect Walters to look for some help in the middle.

On offence, the O-line is rock-solid with six returnees capable of filling the five starting spots, receiver is flush with talent, and Andrew Harris and Timothy Flanders may be the best 1-2 tailback duo in the CFL. But Walters needs to add a backup with a Canadian passport, and it just might result in a homecoming for young Winnipegger Kienan LaFrance who broke out during the 2016 playoffs for the Ottawa Redblacks.

Blue Bombers fans can rest assured in Kyle Walters and company — the recent track record speaks for itself. Every one of the club's five all-stars from a year ago were in their first season with Winnipeg. Coming off an 11-win campaign — the club's best regular season finish in well over a decade — expectations for the 2017 season are rightfully sky-high.

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IN BRIEF

Redblacks bring back defensive back Gavins

The Ottawa Redblacks signed American defensive back Jerrell Gavins to a one-year contract extension Monday.

Gavins helped Ottawa win the Grey Cup last season, registering 32 tackles in 13 games. He has spent three seasons with the Redblacks, accumulating 126 tackles and six interceptions in 44 games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ticats sign receiver Toliver to contract extension

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats signed American receiver Terrence Toliver to a contract extension through the 2018 season Monday.

Toliver had 65 catches for 1,036 yards and nine TDs in nine games last year. The six-foot-five, 203-pound native of Hempstead, Texas, has spent two seasons with Hamilton registering 113 receptions for 1,715 yards and 15 touchdowns.

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Younger Sandusky arrested on child sex charges

One of Jerry Sandusky's sons was charged Monday with sex crimes involving two girls, more than five years after the former Penn State assistant coach was himself first arrested on child molestation charges.

Jeffrey S. Sandusky, 41, was charged by state police and arraigned by a district judge in Bellefonte, Pa., on 14 counts. He was jailed on $200,000 bail.

Police accused him of soliciting naked photos from a then-16-year-old girl last year and seeking oral sex in 2013 from her then-15-year-old sister.

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Man City takes over second place in England

Manchester City overcame Gabriel Jesus' early departure because of injury to beat Bournemouth 2-0 and climb to second place in the English Premier League, eight points behind Chelsea on Monday.

Raheem Sterling's 29th-minute strike and an own-goal in the 69th from Tyrone Mings gave City a third straight league win.

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LEAGUE TRENDS

Price's numbers dipping in Montreal

Carey Price's save percentage by month:
October: .954
November: .944
December: .899
January: .906
February: .879

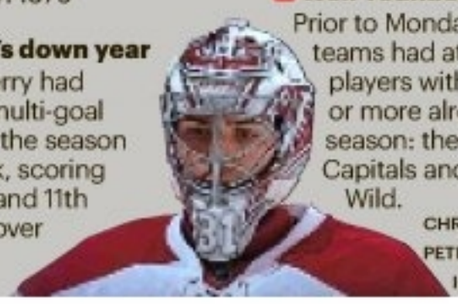
Perry's down year

Corey Perry had his first multi-goal game of the season last week, scoring his 10th and 11th in a win over Buffalo.

The 31-year-old, who trails only Alex Ovechkin and Steven Stamkos with 311 goals since 2007-08, is headed for a mere 16 goals, his slimmest output since becoming a full-time NHLer.

Well-rounded attack

Prior to Monday, only two teams had at least 10 players with 10 goals or more already this season: the Washington Capitals and Minnesota Wild.



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NHL

Biggest trade chip in hockey?

It was six years ago this month that the St. Louis Blues acquired Kevin Shattenkirk from the Colorado Avalanche.

Now, Shattenkirk's future in St. Louis is in question. The 28-year-old from New Rochelle, N.Y., is likely to draw the most buzz ahead of the March 1 trade deadline as a right-shooting defenceman on an expiring contract who offers almost unrivalled production.

"His offensive skills are top-notch," teammate and defensive partner Carl Gunnarsson said of Shattenkirk, who's on pace for a career-best 16 goals and 57 points.

Kevin Shattenkirk
GETTY IMAGES

"He always seems like he's finding the open guy and he's always getting to the open spots," added Colton Parayko, another member of the Blues defence. "He's got a good shot, he's a good passer, he's got vision — pretty much everything you look for in an offensive defenceman."

In fact, heading into Monday's play, Shattenkirk was tied for 10th among all NHL defencemen with 238 points since the start of the 2011-12 season.

However appealing he may be as a trade chip before the deadline (just over two weeks away), the Blues might be better served keeping Shattenkirk themselves.

For all their struggles this season (though not of late), St. Louis is still a viable threat to compete for the Stanley Cup after reaching the Western Conference final last year.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Classic Falafel Burgers

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For Metro Canada

You'll feel like you eating an authentic falafel — warm and dripping tahini — if you make these easy sliders.

Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Makes 6 to 8 burgers

Ingredients
- 2 cups rehydrated garbanzo beans, drained
- 1 small white onion, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh flat-leaf or curly parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 2 Tbsp grape seed oil for cooking

Directions
1. The night before, place beans in a bowl and fill with water until covered by two inches. In the morning, drain, rinse and pat beans dry. Store in the refrigerator.
2. In a food processor, add the beans, onion, parsley, garlic, flour, cumin, salt, coriander and chili powder. Process until a course meal forms.
3. Pour mix into bowl, cover with plastic wrap and set in refrigerator for an hour. Remove and shape into patties.
4. Heat oil in pan over medium heat, add burgers. Fry burgers for 3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Serve with pitas, sliced cucumber and tahini.

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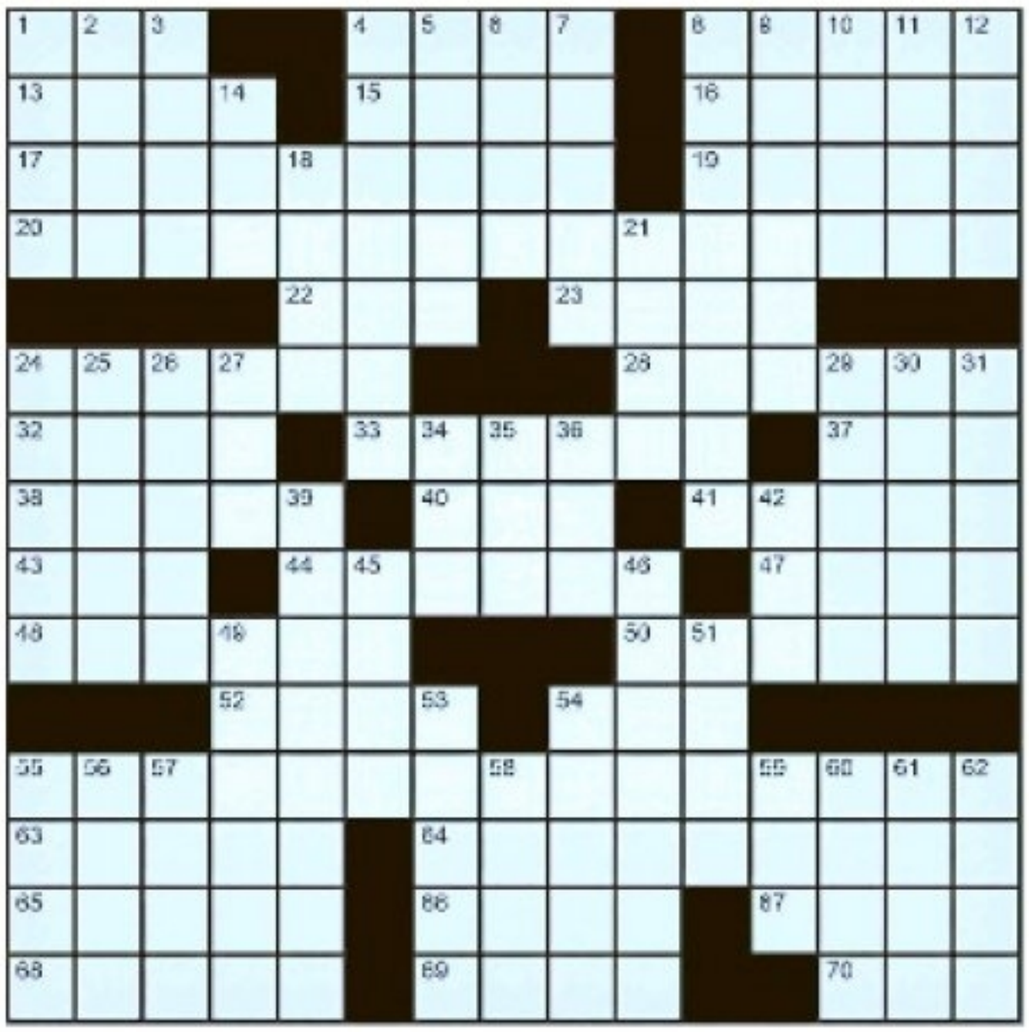
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Bling in a ring
4. Petri dish gel
8. Cache
13. Ms. Thurman's
15. Golfer's warning!
16. Hogwash
17. "If You Could Read My Mind" by Gordon _
19. Detection device
20. Love song of 1993 by Bryan Adams: 3 wds.
22. Mac rivals
23. Oxen harness
24. Getting one's beauty sleep: 2 wds.
28. Soil toiler
32. Pinot _ (Wine variety)
33. Really right: 2 wds.
37. Electric guitar, in slang
38. Canadian actress, _ Lee Williams
40. Be behind in bills
41. _ community (Exclusive residences locale)
43. "_ My Party" by Lesley Gore
44. Neil Young bandmate Stephen
47. Whirring sound
48. Wine and _ party
50. Great deal
52. Speed along on the job
54. Shoe width size
55. Opening words of "Beauty and the Beast" by Celine Dion and Peabo Bryson
63. The _ on the cake
64. Valentine's Day symbol that's different from the usual red: 2 wds.
65. Adventurer's watercraft
66. Old Testament son
67. 'ence' word-ending alternative
68. Goulashes
69. Grate
70. House temp. coolers
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DOWN
1. Mouthful of a milkshake
2. Oscar-winner Mr. Jannings
3. Illusionist, archaically
4. Impacts
5. Blunders
6. 'Buck' suffix
7. Attempt again
8. Eye-catching
9. Go on a journey
10. Parliament Hill worker
11. Canned meat brand
12. "From _ to Eternity" (1953)
14. Retro rock's _ Na Na
18. Chef's li'l measurements
21. Attend the event: 2 wds.
24. Shenanigan
25. Chocolate, cake, candies, yum! Sweet _
26. Hair salon service
27. 'Brew' suffix
29. Lovely language
30. Overwork
31. Use the towel again
34. Luau dish
35. Hedwig, for one, of books
36. _. number
39. Mitigates/alleviates
42. Mr. Vigoda
45. Dick Tracy's beloved
46. Assert yourself vocally: 2 wds.
49. Prior to this time, in verse
51. Grateful Dead bassist Phil
53. One optimistic about the results
54. Mrs. Garrett's gourmet shop on "The Facts of Life", _ Edibles
55. Partners for Tacs (Mint candies)
56. Curious as _ _
57. Queue
58. Ms. Kudrow
59. Golf peg
60. Collector's suffix
61. "Happy Days" mom: wd. + letter
62. Quebec 'summers'

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today is a mixed bag. It's easy to talk to friends and groups. However, later in the day, you might be at odds with a partner, spouse or close friend.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Conversations with bosses and authority figures today will go well. Nevertheless, someone or something behind the scenes will annoy you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Something unusual, perhaps from another country, will stimulate you in a creative way today. It might even affect your involvement in sports. Avoid arguments with someone later in the day.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you need support from others at home or for a family situation, you might get it today. However, you will have more difficulty talking to a parent, boss or authority figure.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a chatty day for you. Conversations with partners and close friends will be positive and stimulating. By contrast, avoid political and religious discussions today.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Related discussions about money, cash flow and finances will go well today. However, discussions about shared property or differing values might create an argument.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
With the Moon in your sign today, you are luckier than all the other signs. Plus, this is a playful, fun-loving day! Nevertheless, be patient with partners and close friends

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will prefer to work behind the scenes today because it feels better. This could help you complete repairs at home or have an important family discussion.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Expect to have a happy conversation with a female acquaintance. You might want to discuss future goals. (Parents must be patient with kids today.)

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are high-viz today, because the Moon is at the top of your chart. However, this can mean that people know personal information about you. Just be aware of this.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try to do something different today, because you want to travel or get out of town. Basically, you want to break free from your routine. You also need to talk to someone.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Discussions about shared property or differing values might take place today. The problem with differing values is that people do not easily change their values. Good luck!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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